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¶ By the King.

¶ A Declaration of His Maieſties cleare intention, in requiring the Ayde of His louing Subiects, in that way of Loane which is now intended by His Highneſſe.

WHen, with the Aduice of Our Priuie Counſell, Wee had reſolued, for the neceſſary defence of Our Honour, Our Religion, and Kingdomes, to require the Ayde of Our louing Subiects in that way of Loane, for the effecting whereof, Our Commiſſions are ſpeedily to goe out into the ſeuerall Counties & Cities of this Our Realme; Wee haue thought it fit, to publiſh and declare vnto all Our louing Subiects, What Our cleare intention and Royall purpoſe is thereby, That, what euer the occaſions are, for the publike cauſe both of Religion and State, and how great ſoeuer, for the common defence, (which) are obuious to euery man) and no other poſſible and preſent cauſe being to be taken, nor this to bee auoyded, if Wee as a King ſhall maintaine the cauſe and party of Religion, preſerue Our owne Honour, defend Our people, ſecure Our Kingdomes, and ſupport Our Allies, all which) wee are tyed to doe by that bond of Soueraignty, which vnder God Wee beare ouer you: Neuertheleſſe, Wee are reſolued, and doe ſo declare and publiſh to all Our louing Subiects Our cleare intention to bee, That this courſe, which at this time is thus inforced vpon vs by that neceſſity, to which no ordinary courſe can giue the Law, ſhall not in any wiſe be drawen into example, nor made a Preſident for after times.

And becauſe Wee already heare, that ſome malenolous perſons, Who vnder pretence of common liberty, factiouſly intend nothing but the ruine both of Religion and State, and by delay of preſent remedie make Way to forreine practiſes, giue out, and ſcatter their ſpeeches (amongſt others) that if this Way of rayſing Money take place, then no Parliament ſhal be called hereafter, and that this courſe may be taken euery yeere, vpon pretence of neceſſitie and lacke of Money; Wee doe hereby publiſh and proclaime, That, as Wee will not ſuffer any ſuch ſpeeches or practiſes to goe vnpuniſhed, So likewiſe, that the ſuddainneſſe and importance of the occaſions are ſuch, as cannot poſſible admit Us ſo long time, as the Summoning, Aſſembling, and Reſolution of a Parliament will neceſſarily require; And that it is farre from Our heart, to make any ſuch vſe of the loue of Our people, or to make this any annuall or vſuall courſe of raiſing Moneys, But that Wee are fully purpoſed to call a Parliament, ſo ſoone as conueniently Wee may, and as often as the Common-Wealth and State-occaſions ſhall require it; And that by Our peoples affections now ſhewed vnto Us in this Way of neceſſity, they ſhall the ſooner inuite Us to the frequent vſe of Parliaments, being confident in the hearts of Our people.

Giuen at Our Court at White-Hall the ſeuenth day of October, in the ſecond yeere of Our Reigne of Great Britaine, France, and Ireland.

God ſaue the King.

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